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CREATURE SIGHTED IN TRINITY NATIONAL FOREST

ARCHIE BUCKLEY of San Leandro, California, returned to the Trinity National Forest in northern California, this time alone. He established a base of operations at Stuart Gap, about 8 air miles south of the Harrison Gulch Ranger Station. Having put out rotten or "high" fish as bait at several locations, he sat in his car each night to wait. At 4 A.M. on the morning of the 17th of June he heard a creature approaching from behind but since it was dark could see nothing. Finally, turning on his flashlight, he spotted the creature standing in the road about 100 feet away. He had the light on it for about 3 minutes. It's eyes were luminous and glowing in the light. When he reached for his flash camera the creature moved away. Daylight disclosed that the creature had taken several pieces of the bait. Tracks indicated that at one point it had approached to within 46 inches of the car in which he had been sitting. It had approached cautiously, going from tree to tree. He estimates the creature to have been over 7' tall, weighing possibly 750 to 800 lbs., leaving footprints approximately 15 1/2" long, 6 1/2" wide at the ball.

Excellent tracks were found in the trail about 300 yards up the hill toward the Wilderness Area. At one point the tracks indicated that the creature had left the trail and stood behind some small pine trees as if hiding and waiting for someone to pass. A cast was made of one of these footprints and another cast was made of one near the car. The creature came again the following night and left more tracks but did not take any of the bait. Archie heard one loud, sharp whistle-like cry and again heard footfalls. He did not see it the following night.

Stuart Gap, at 5,000 feet elevation, is the divide or pass between Beegum Creek to the east and the E. Fork of the S. Fork of the Trinity to the west. It is a natural passageway for all wild creatures going from one watershed to another. It is also the trailhead for anyone or anything going south into the Wilderness Area. It would seem to be a logical place at which to set up blinds, bait traps and camera traps.

JIM McCLARIN also investigated the Buckley report and writes (June 24, 1970) : "I've been to see Buckley and his footprints. Buckley didn't see a Bigfoot at 46 inches, according to his report to me. When he says the animal approached to within 46 inches he's referring to what he thinks is its footprint. The actual beast sighting allegedly took place at 100 feet or more. None of the footprints at the site looked very impressive when I saw them, though admittedly they'd had a chance to deteriorate. Much more impressive was the sequence of prints about 300 yards away on the trail into the Wilderness Area. I think they were quite likely made by a Bigfoot."

JIM McCLARIN'S REPORT FROM NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

"My investigations in the Pit River country have turned up two first hand sighting reports by two Burney, California, residents, and a host of rumored reports from the past 40 years. I feel a diligent investigator could come up with a number of additional first hand reports. The area has had no publicity that I know of, so the general public has no knowledge of such reports and locals are certain 'it's all over around Trinity County'. Although I wasn't able to spend much time in eastern Siskiyou County, I think it also harbors a number of reports. Judging by the rumors I collected there." -Jim McClarin, Jun. 24, 1970.

THREE GIRLS REPORT A SASQUATCH CHASED THEIR CAR

An AP dispatch, printed in various papers on June 17 and June 18, reports that 3 teenage girls claimed to have been chased in their car 3 weeks previously by a 7-foot Sasquatch which left 16-inch tracks in a 7-foot stride. The father of one girl, Russell Figg, a deputy Sheriff of Grays County, Washington, investigated unofficially. The sighting took place between Copalis Crossing and Carlisle near the site of the sighting last year by deputy Verlin Herrington. Tracks led to a lean-to near where a number of old cow skulls were found. Several researchers are said to have investigated this occurrence but, at this writing, we have a report from only one of them: DICK GROVER, Everett, Washington. He writes (June 24, 1970): "On June 17th Dick Tierney paid us a visit. We took a drive over to Pacific Beach to check out the latest sighting up here in Washington state. We visited the Figg residence where we were met cordially. Mrs. Figg said she and her son found an area where 9 skulls were scattered all about. This was in the same general vicinity where the girls had seen a creature that was at least 7 feet tall jumping up and down in the ditch. As soon as they passed it, it jumped onto the roadway and they could see the bulkiness of it as it began chasing their car down the road. Anyway, the skulls were scattered all around a large tree stump. We later indentified them as cow skulls. Apparently some farmer had disposed of them there quite some time ago."

THE MORGAN EXPEDITION

According to a UPI dispatch printed in numerous papers throughout the country, Robert W. Morgan of Miami, Florida, is heading an expedition to the Pacific Northwest. Members include Raymond M. Hardey, biologist and taxonomist; Robert Carr, archaeologist and journalist; Douglas Jackson and Allen Facemire, photographers, and George Harrison, managing editor of National Wildlife magazine. They intend to head for the Cascades and attempt to lure a sasquatch with "several selected lures." Their first goal is to photograph a creature. "If that works, the next step will be to attempt to capture a Yeti for study under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution." Morgan, who is a professional writer-photographer, in company with two other Miami men, was in the Skamania County area in Washington last spring and made a six day back pack trip into the Mt. Adams Wilderness Area. (Credits: too numerous to list. Many readers sent in UPI reports from many papers from all over.)

WARREN THOMPSON of Redwood City, California, intends spending all the month of July hunting Bigfoot in northern California and visiting other researchers and areas in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia.

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BIGFOOT REPORTED SIGHTED NEAR MOLALLA, OREGON

JOHN FUERNBERG, Portland, Oregon, writes (June 24, 1970) : " I recently heard about a Bigfoot sighting that occurred about three weeks ago near Molalla, Oregon (30 miles south of Portland). It seems an elderly farmer was plowing his field when our furry friend stepped out of the woods near him. Having a bad heart, he was afraid to get off the tractor and run so he just drove it home in high gear. The creature made no attempt to harm him. When the farmer arrived at his house he let his pack of vicious dogs loose. Later, they came back badly frightened with their heads covered with mud as if something had jammed their faces into the ground. I haven't been able to find out the name and address of this person but will let you know what luck I have. With the Florida group in the area, it looks like we're going to have an eventful summer."

RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

SAGA Magazine, July 1970, "I Killed The Ape-man Creature Of Whiteface," by Frank Hansen. This is Hansen's own story on the mysterious "Ice Man".

MALE Magazine, August 1970, "Incredible Monster-men Sightings In The U.S.", by John A. Keel. This is all reprinted material from Keel's recent book Strange Creatures From Time And Space. (Credit : Lucius Parish).

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE, Medford, Oregon, May 26, 1970, "Builder Of Swinging Wonder Looks For Legendary Bigfoot" by Mitchell Hider. Concerns Lee Trippett, builder of the Swinging Wonder toy, and his search for Bigfoot. (Credit : Carroll D. Watson).

RECORD-SEARCHLIGHT, Redding, California, May 29, 1970, "Will The Computer Corner Bigfoot ?" by John Lawson. Concerns Jim McClarin and his computer survey activities in northern California. (Credit : Jim McClarin and Ben E. Foster Jr.).

TIMES-STANDARD, Eureka, California, June 28, 1970, "Ape Meets Computer", An article about Jim McClarin, his ideas, aspirations and investigations. (Credit : Mrs. Marlin Fauerbach, Fred L. Haas).

VANCOUVER SUN, Vancouver, B.C., Canada, June 24, 1970, "Queen Charlottes Now Boast Of Their Own Sasquatch" by Lorraine Shore. (Credit : John Green).

MOUNTAIN CLIMBER SEES YETI IN HIMALAYAS

A Reuters dispatch, reprinted in many papers, reports that Don Whillans, a British mountain climber with the British Annapurna Expedition, saw a "baby" Yeti last March. He watched it through a telescope going into and out of clumps of trees apparently hunting for food. Its movements were ape-like, going on all fours at times. "Some crows were screaming and flying about". He saw its footprints the next day "exactly like human footprints with one foot in front of the other and they were deep, a foot or 16 inches. Then I saw some claw marks, some scratches." Whillans said. (Information from a Reuters dispatch in Arkansas Gazette, June 10, 1970. Credit : Lucius Parish. Many others also sent in clippings on this - too many to list here.)

OUR QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"It's very interesting that the people who live in the mountains believe in Yetis and the people who don't believe in them live in the cities and don't ever get into the mountains." - Don Whillans, British mountain climber with the British Annapurna Expedition as reported in a Reuters dispatch in the Arkansas Gazette, June 10, 1970. (Credit : Lucius Parish).

Sasquatch Story Investigated

CARLISLE, Wash. - With a legend growing like that of the Loch Ness monster and the abominable snowman, Washington's sasquatch has three new believers here - three girls who claim the hairy beast chased their car.

The girls, one of them the daughter of a Grays Harbor County sheriff, said on Tuesday they sighted a seven-foot-tall creature with silver-tipped hair one night three weeks ago. The girls didn't say why they waited before telling of the incident.

The animal appeared in their car headlights between Copalis Crossing and Carlisle, near the sight of a well-publicized sighting last July 27, then chased the car for a short distance, they said.

The girls said they returned to the spot the next day with Russell Figg, the deputy sheriff, who unofficially investigated the scene.

Figg said he found footprints 16 inches in length, made by a stride of seven feet. The footprints led to a lean-to, where Figg said he discovered some old cow skulls.

A sasquatch buff, Figg was reluctant to comment. The girls, he said "saw something, but I don't want to say what it was."

Figg said the sighting was to have been a secret. He said he didn't want to get involved because of the excitement after the 1962 sighting.

John Green, a B.C. resident and one of the best known sasquatch researchers, was summoned to the scene.

- the Vancouver Province -

RENE DAHINDEN of Richmond, B.C., writes, concerning his connection with the computer survey for the Salt Lake City film company: "I also would like to have it known in the Bigfoot Bulletin that I am not working on this at all."

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THE ADVANCE, Apressiz,
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